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Korea Recalls Aide After Ad Hails Dictator

The director of the South Korean information office in Washington has been recalled to Seoul because the New York Times accepted an advertisement for a laudatory biography of North Korean dictator Kim Il Sung.

Sook Han, who also served as culture and information attache of the Korean Embassy here, will return home early next year after less than a year of his normal 3-year tour here. Han said he could not comment on the reason for his recall.

But Korea Week, an independent newspaper published here, reported that the reason was the full-page ad placed by Miraisha, a Tokyo publishing house, in the Oct. 27 New York Times, offering the 618-page North Korean propaganda biography for \$8 plus \$6 airmail to the United States.

Times advertising executives said the ad had been placed in Tokyo by a Japanese advertising agency and that cash payment—\$6,720 at the paper's weekday book rate—had been received before publication.

South Korean ambassador Dong Jo Kim wrote a protest to Times publisher Arthur Ochs Sulzberger after the ad appeared, Han said.

Han's replacement will be Jae Hyun Lee, director of the information office in Paris.